

SAFE PATHWAYS TO SCHOOL

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Safe Pathways Program will provide funding for the engineering, environmental clearance, and construction of pathway and sidewalk improvements in all Marin County communities, including safety improvements at street crossings. All Safe Pathways projects will come from approved SR2S Plans and will be selected based on performance criteria that focus on improving safety throughout the County. The following summarizes the process for program implementation.

1. SR2S consultant develops templates for SR2S Plans.
2. SR2S consultant completes templates for plans that have been completed.
3. Implementing agency/school completes the SR2S Plan approval process – DPW review, public review, and the final concept approval. The Plans must reflect support of parents, school officials, and local jurisdictions.
4. TAM announces a Safe Pathways to Schools “call for projects.”
5. Project proponents prepare a Capital Funding Application (CFA) based on projects identified in an approved SR2S Plan.
6. TAM staff - and school safety experts - review the projects for eligibility and completeness of the CFA.
7. TAM (TAC and MPWA) develops the recommended Safe Pathways project list upon reviewing and evaluating plans based on performance criteria identified in the Expenditure Plan and Strategic Plan.
 - Relieves an identified safety or congestion problem along a major school route
 - Completes a gap in the bicycle and pedestrian system along a major school route
 - Maximizes daily uses by students and others
 - Attracts matching funds
 - Respects geographic equity
8. TAM staff compares the recommended Safe Pathways project list with the Regional Roadway project priority list and Local Roadway projects. If applicable, staff will adjust prioritization and timing to incorporate Safe Pathways projects into Regional and Local Roadway projects.
9. TAC and MPWA develop a Draft Candidate List of Projects.
10. TAC summarizes findings for TAM Board.
11. TAM staff incorporates projects in the Strategic Plan for TAM Board approval.
12. Implementing agency submits the funding allocation request for TAM Board approval.
13. TAM staff prepares the funding agreement between implementing agency and TAM.
14. Additional “walkabouts” are completed for schools that do not have SR2S Plans and to provide an ongoing evaluation of existing plans.